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VISITORS TO CASINO BETWEEN OCT. 1 – NOV. 27 ADVISED TO GET TB TEST

Individual at Sycuan Casino Diagnosed with TB; Patrons Recommended to See Their Physician

The Sycuan Casino and San Diego County Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) advise anyone who spent significant time at the Sycuan Casino, 5469 Casino Way, El Cajon, between Oct. 1 and Nov. 27, 2005, to be evaluated for exposure to tuberculosis.

A patron who was at the casino during this time period was diagnosed with infectious TB, says Dr. Wilma Wooten, San Diego County Deputy Public Health Officer.

"We recommend that those who visited the casino between Oct. 1 and Nov. 27 from 5 to 10 p.m. and were there 120 hours or more, contact their physician and request an evaluation that includes a TB skin test," she said. "The physician may also recommend additional tests if necessary."

Sycuan Casino representatives have been extremely helpful and are working collaboratively with HHSA in this effort.

"Sycuan is committed to providing a safe environment for both our customers and employees," said Maureen Kerr, Director, Human Resources, Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation. "We appreciate the opportunity to work in close collaboration with the professionals from the County HHSA to educate and inform those few individuals who may have visited our casino during this time period."

Symptoms of active TB include persistent cough, fever, night sweats and unexplained weight loss. Most people who are exposed to TB do not develop the disease.

Individuals with no medical provider, or anyone who would like more information, may call the County TB Control Program at (619) 692-8621.

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